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SUBJECT: JUDGE RELEASES POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH SAMALUT  
KILLING

REF: A. CAIRO 79 B. 08 CAIRO 2260 Classified By: ECPO Mincouns William R. Stewart for reason 1.4 (d).

- 1.(C) Summary and comment: On January 19, a judge in Minya (150 miles south of Cairo) released police officer Mohammed Anwar, who had been deta
- 2.(C) According to press reports January 20, the Hisham Mubarak Law Center, a reputable legal aid organization, accused the police of intimidat
- 3.(C) XXXXXXXXXXXXX criticized the judge for releasing the police officer on the basis of this retracted testimony. XXXXXXXXXXXXX told us that
- 4.(C) XXXXXXXXXXXXX speculated that the police may have concluded a private arrangement with the family, whereby the sister-in-law agreed to re
- 5.(C) Comment: The officer's release will only reinforce public perceptions that the police operate with impunity and are able to manipulate th